People were not taking adequate interest in raising dry crops such as tapioca, banana and sugarcane. There was no market for raw tapioca and the people were ignorant of the ways of refining it and manufacturing food products. Similar was the fate of the other two crops. An industrial concern should be started under the auspices of the Departments of Agriculture and Industries and facilities afforded for developing the cultivation of these crops and manufacturing useful food-stuffs.

DEWAN'S REPLY: Mr. Narayanaru Bhattatiri, Government are quite aware of the importance of rearing cattle and of improving the breed; and no opportunity will be lost for doing so.

The question of opening more veterinary hospitals depends on finance.

The other matters which have been brought forward will be considered.

In general, you may be sure that this is considered one of the most important matters for the attention of Government.

42. Opening of a village road connecting Chiramatam with Anantanar.

MR. R. KALIAM PILLAI (*Tovala taluk*) urged the need for extending the village road leading to Chiramatam from the 7th mile, 5th furlong, of the Balamore road to Anantanar. The proposed extension would be only 4½ furlongs in length and would be of much benefit and convenience to the villagers of Chiramatam, Anantapuram, Darsanamcope and other villages. The following were the chief advantages:—

(1) The road would lead to the adjoining forest on which the villagers depended for fuel, green manure and grazing their cattle.

(2) The proposed road would bring in more revenue to the Government because of the additional facilities to the people.

(3) The villagers were agriculturists and this road was necessary for taking manure, etc., to their fields and the produce therefrom to their houses.

(4) There is a temple on the bank of the Anantanar much resorted to by the people of the adjoining villages. But they were put to much inconvenience on account of the absence of a road leading to the temple. The proposed road would remove this inconvenience.

This was a long felt want and the people were frequently petitioning the authorities for the construction of the proposed road.

DEWAN'S REPLY: Mr. Kaliam Pillai, although this road is a short one, the acquisition of land for the same will be very costly, as many paddy fields have to be acquired. However, the matter will be placed before the Road Board.

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